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## Land return lauded by Japan Vice-Minister of Defense

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CAMP FOSTER — Japan Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister of Defense Ryota Takeda visited the West Futenma Housing Area Nov. 22 at Camp Foster, for a ceremony marking the new boundary between Camp Foster and Ginowan City.

The ceremony signified the progress made since an April 6 visit by Itsunori Onodera, Japan's Minister of Defense, who called for the housing area's return to Ginowan City to be

the model for base return.

The ceremony demonstrated the strong relationship between the U.S. military and the government of Japan, and the return of the West Futenma Housing Area to their control, according to Col. William J. Truax Jr., the assistant chief of staff, G-7, government and external affairs, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"We're happy to see progress and to restore this land," said Truax. "It's good for the people in the Okinawa community."

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Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson, center, U.S. Consul General, Naha, Alfred R. Magleby, right, and the Ginowan Landowners Association President Shinichi Matayoshi install a boundary marker Nov. 22 at the West Futenma Housing Area on Camp Foster. Hudson is the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific. Photo by Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran

## Marines rescue downed aviators amid Damayan



A forklift unloads cargo off a KC-130J Super Hercules assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 Nov. 24 at Villamor Airbase, Republic of the Philippines. Marines in a Super Hercules assisted in rescue efforts of two pilots involved in a civilian helicopter crash Nov. 24 over Manila Bay, Republic of the Philippines. The crew and aircraft were returning to Villamor Air Base from Tacloban after delivering relief supplies in support of Operation Damayan. The Marines and KC-130J are with VMGR-152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Jeraco Jenkins

1st Lt. Luke Kuper

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MANILA, Republic of the Philippines — Marines with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 assisted in rescue efforts of two pilots involved in a civilian helicopter crash Nov. 24 over Manila Bay.

A KC-130J Super Hercules assigned to the squadron was returning to Villamor Air Base from Tacloban after delivering relief supplies in support of Operation Damayan, the U.S. military response to Typhoon Haiyan.

Maj. Jason Kauffman, a pilot with the squadron, heard a mayday call come through his radio approximately 18 nautical miles northwest of North Harbor.

"We were inbound to approach into Manila ... we heard a mayday call from a helicopter that just crashed into Manila Bay," said Kauffman. "We set up in orbit, we got eyes on the survivors, there were two of them in the water."

The crew immediately prepared to deploy a life raft.

"The four crew members in the back got the raft ready to go and cleared all the loose equipment away from the door,"

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## JSDF members visit Kinser

Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

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CAMP KINSER — Approximately 20 Japan Self-Defense Force officers and senior enlisted members toured Combat Logistics Regiment 37's headquarters and subordinate companies Nov. 26 at Camp Kinser.

The tour fostered a better understanding of each nation's military structure

and enhanced camaraderie between the units.

"(In the past), we had an opportunity to go to the JSDF's maintenance facility and see their vehicles, equipment and learn about their capabilities," said 2nd Lt. Mollie B. Hebda, a logistics officer with CLR-37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "They came today to (Kinser) and we paid in kind, showing them around, answering their questions about the capabilities of our vehicles and (explaining) how our command structure works."

The event started with the JSDF members being briefed on CLR-37's organizational structure and the role each subordinate section has

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# Leadership Principles

## Making sound, timely decisions

Cpl. Brandon Suhr

Leaders are found in every unit and at every rank in the Marine Corps. They do not have to be told to take charge – a leader chooses to take responsibility for mission accomplishment no matter what the situation.

The 11 Marine Corps leadership principles guide and influence these leaders; included among these is making sound and timely decisions.

Do you have the ability to take charge of others and make sound and timely decisions, ensuring mission accomplishment?

There are several different steps to making sound and timely decisions. The first is developing a logical and orderly thought process by practicing objective estimates of a situation.

Making quick and accurate estimates of the situation that take into account the variables that impact mission accomplishment requires practice. Try using tactical decision making games or small-unit training exercises to develop those skills.

When time and situation permit, a leader must use their knowledge of the situation to plan for any and every possibility that can reasonably be foreseen.

If you and your subordinates know what to expect during the mission, and which actions to take in response to different developments, it will be much easier to succeed.

A leader must consider the advice and suggestions from their subordinates whenever possible before making decisions.

Leaders may not make the correct decisions every time.

**“When time and situation permit, a leader must use their knowledge of the situation to plan for any and every possibility that can reasonably be foreseen.”**

If a decision is wrong, a true leader will not hesitate to revise their mistake and reverse their decision.

Marines will respect leaders who correct mistakes immediately, instead of trying to follow through on a poor decision in an effort to save face.

A leader will also encourage subordinates to analyze the situation and make their own plans.

Once a leader makes their decision, they will announce their plan as far enough in advance as possible, allowing their subordinates to make appropriate preparations.

It is important that leaders ensure all subordinates fully understand both the plan and intent. This allows Marines to adjust during the execution phase as necessary to ensure the commander's intent is realized.

The final factor is to be able to consider the effects of your decision on all members of your

unit. Is this plan convenient for everyone, or is it just convenient for you?

Hesitation to make a decision leads subordinates to lose confidence in a leader's abilities. Making the wrong decisions and not admitting it may also lead to a loss of trust.

Making sound and timely decisions may be challenging, but when a leader is decisive they will gain the trust and confidence of their Marines and ensure mission accomplishment.

Are you going to be a leader today? Or are you going to hesitate and let someone else do it for you?

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**AROUND THE CORPS**



Cpl. Noel Desantiago, center, is carried to safety Nov. 19 after being “shot” by opposing forces during a battalion-level training exercise at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii. Desantiago is a squad leader with Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg

Marines test fire variants of the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon Nov. 20 at Range 15 on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The Marine Corps operational test and evaluation activity collected data and operational assessment on SMAW variants, and compared them to the original system in an effort to determine the most effective anti-tank weapon system. Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacob Snouffer



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# BRIDEX 13 addresses security challenges, showcases capabilities

Cpl. Alyssa Gunton  
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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei — The 4th Biennial Brunei Darussalam International Defense Exhibition and Conference officially began with an opening ceremony and air demonstration Dec. 3 at the BRIDEX Exhibition Center in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.

BRIDEX 13 showcases technology in land, sea, air and security systems to address the wide spectrum of security challenges being faced by countries in the region and around the world. This year's theme is "Bridging the capability gap," and approximately 70 countries are participating.

The U.S. Marine MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft and KC-130J Super Hercules, as well as a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft all took part in the first day's activities and will continue participating in displays and demonstrations throughout the five-day exhibition and conference.

This event provides countries and defense companies from around the world an opportunity to further global security and share defense cooperation among many nations.

"This is important because this fosters good international and bilateral relations with Brunei," said Lt. Col. Joseph S. Lee, the mission commander for U.S. aircraft at BRIDEX 13 and the executive officer of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It also shows the capability of the MV-22 and KC-130J in the Marine Corps and its reach and capability. We are exercising this increased capability in the Pacific area of operation."

Marines with VMM-262 took part in Operation Damayan, which was the U.S. military's response to Typhoon Haiyan that devastated the Republic of the Philippines. As soon as their mission of delivering relief supplies and evacuating civilians was completed, they flew

to Brunei for BRIDEX 13, demonstrating their commitment to mission accomplishment across a wide spectrum of operations.

During the aviation demonstration, the MV-22B demonstrated its notable and unique capabilities to the assembled military, political and defense business officials, including the sultan of Brunei, by flying low over the convention at 250 knots and transitioning seamlessly from helicopter mode to airplane mode.

"We showed off the capabilities of the Osprey," said Capt. Austin Stobaugh, an Osprey pilot with VMM-262. "Once we were in front of the stands we conducted a break and executed a 180-degree turn at 250 knots and 500 feet. As we came through that turn we took the power off the aircraft in order to come up into helicopter mode."

BRIDEX 13 also provided the Marine Corps and Air Force with a chance to work closely with one another.

"As we have come out of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, we have learned a lot of lessons and that joint capability is very important," said Lee. "This shows the capability and reach of all our aircraft. It's impressive that (the Air Force) came straight from Hawaii, and we came straight from the Philippines, and it shows that we can work together in a joint environment at a moment's notice."

Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Wad-aulah, the sultan of Brunei, and members of the Brunei Ministry of Defense hosted BRIDEX 13 and look forward to future exhibitions.

"I want to thank all of our guests and friends who have come from overseas to support us, and I'm glad with the opportunity for us to come together and renew our relationships," said Yang Mulia Dato Paduka, the deputy minister of defense of Brunei. "Many of you have traveled across the globe to be here, and we're glad to have so many defense organizations here for cooperation and peace and security in the region."

## BRIEFS

### INSTALLATION SAFETY OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Wednesdays, Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome Aboard (NOWA) briefings will occur Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The Installation Safety Office licensing sections will close both days.

Sections will be open for normal hours Dec. 26, 2013 and Jan. 2, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call the ISO operations supervisor at 645-2039.

### NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT ON FUTENMA

Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and the government of Japan have established a new traffic light at the intersection of MCAS Futenma Gate 3 and Highway 330 for safety reasons.

Drivers are to obey all traffic laws when entering and exiting any installation. When exiting Gate 3, be sure to stop before the yellow line and not in the cross walk.

Report any issues or concerns about the traffic light or activity around the Gate 3 area to your chain of command, the MCAS Futenma Mission Assurance at 636-3058, or the MCAS Futenma Safety Office at 636-3330.

### III MEF BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band will perform Christmas concerts at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base and at 7 p.m. Dec. 12-14 at the Camp Foster Theater.

For more information, contact the III MEF Band at 645-3919.

### E.C. KILLIN ELEMENTARY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

E.C. Killin elementary school is seeking volunteers for its holiday workshop Dec. 9-13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, email: [irma.gonzalez@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:irma.gonzalez@pac.dodea.edu)

### CORRECTION ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE

There was a misspelling of the link in the opinion-editorial, "Sexual assault degrades Corps" on page 2 of last week's issue. The correct link is:

[www.donsapro.navy.mil](http://www.donsapro.navy.mil)

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## Osprey showcased in mainland Japan



Marines of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 attend the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Nyutabaru Air Base Air Show Dec. 1. The air show was the first public display of an Osprey in Mainland Japan. Prior to the air show, VMM-265 hosted a media relations event Nov. 30 at the air base. The air show is an annual event hosted by the JASDF in Miyazaki prefecture. Photo by Cpl. Benjamin Pryer



# Transition in Tacloban, Marine support no longer needed

**Cpl. Brandon Suhr**  
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TACLOBAN, the Philippines — U.S. Marine forces supporting Joint Task Force 505 in Tacloban City began a coordinated transition and retrograde of military operations with the Armed Forces of the Philippines Nov. 24 due to the decreasing demand for unique U.S. military capabilities in further recovery efforts.

The government of the Philippines, along with U.S. Agency for International Development, various international military and nongovernmental supporters, continues leading the effort to aid survivors and continue the recovery from Typhoon Haiyan in that location.

The U.S. and many other nations and organizations maintain recovery efforts while U.S. forces begin to redeploy. The retrograde of U.S. military forces follows massive emergency relief efforts, which are now transitioning to long-term recovery operations.

“We are now transitioning towards expanding beyond the airport,” said Philippine Navy Capt. Roy V. Trinidad, the task-group airport commander with the joint headquarters staff operations. “The airport is in good hands, civil aviation authorities are now handling the airport; of course with support from the Philippine Air Force and the U.S. military.”

Immediately after the typhoon struck, the entire area was destroyed and there was no semblance of governance because all local government officials were victims of the storm, according to Trinidad. But within a matter of days there were personnel from the Armed Forces of the Philippines on the ground, government

officials were flown in from unaffected areas, and multiple foreign countries including the U.S. were willing to help.

“All the relief that came in, food, water, medicine, fuel, would not have been possible, we could not have pushed them out from the airport without the critical air assets that came in,” said Trinidad. “The decisive point of the whole mission was the arrival of the aircraft to help us push all the supplies out.”

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines Nov. 7 with estimated wind gusts reaching 230 mph, a path of destruction spanning 36 provinces and impacting an estimated 4.2 million people, according to the Philippine National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

“We were led by our Philippine partners from the 8th Division, and we got critical augmentation from the Armed Forces of the Philippines — they have been leading this thing since day one — but all the augmentation that has now been provided is now being shouldered by the Philippine Armed Forces,” said Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade commanding general. “It makes me feel good as an ally of this government that we could respond. We were under the direction of the Philippine Armed Forces the entire time, it was tailored, and it was immediate and responsive. We feel pretty good about having participated in this operation.”

The 8th Division has designed a plan to continue improving the ground transportation corridors by having Philippine Armed Forces travel along the roads and make sure the roads are open, according to Kennedy.



**Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, center, Philippine Navy Capt. Roy V. Trinidad, left, and Philippine Army Col. Emmanuel Cacdac conduct a media interview Nov. 24 at Tacloban airport. U.S. forces are beginning to redeploy due to decreasing requirements for U.S. military capabilities. Kennedy is the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade commanding general. Trinidad is the task-group airport commander with the joint headquarters staff operations. Cacdac is the deputy task force commander, Yolanda. Photo by Cpl. Brandon Suhr**

“We have pulled more than 135 different types of trucks that are being used to push forward on a regular schedule in coordination with our Department of Social Welfare and Development,” said Philippine Army Col. Emmanuel Cacdac, the Yolanda deputy task force commander. “We are pushing the relief to a lot of (affected) communities and now a lot of the hospital facilities are increasingly functional in coordination with the Department of Health. We plan to build up needed relief supplies here that our military trucks and assets will be pushing out to the stricken municipalities. We have done this on a regular basis for the last couple weeks.”

The U.S. assets were critical in the operation of several distribution hubs, including Tacloban City, Guiuan and Ormoc City, according to Cacdac.

The substantial improvement in existing and developing supply and distribution chains across the

most severely affected areas hit by Typhoon Haiyan have set conditions for a coordinated, responsible, and measured retrograde of U.S. military forces from the Philippines, according to Kennedy. In addition to Tacloban City, Kennedy also traveled to Ormoc City and Cebu to witness transition activities.

“(U.S. forces) were there bridging the gap, helping those people pick up their lives, escorting them aboard the planes,” said Trinidad. “Compassion for them was there, and we all worked long hours, but it was very fulfilling.”

U.S. military forces have evacuated more than 17,000 people from the affected areas, and delivered more than 2,000 tons of relief supplies.

“It is very heartwarming that one of our closest allies, the U.S. military, was the first to join us and help us; truly their presence put a lot of stability in the initial stages of the operation,” said Cacdac.

## Marines swift actions recognized helping Okinawan crash victim

**Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran**  
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IE SHIMA TRAINING FACILITY — Staff Sgt. Gordon L. Llewellyn and Sgt. David B. Schmidt were awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and certificate of commendation, respectively, Dec. 1 at the Ie Shima Training Facility following their response after a car crash left a local girl injured.

Llewellyn is the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Ie Shima Training Facility and currently assigned to G-3, operations, Range Control, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler. Schmidt is a chief range warden with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The Marines were driving north on Route 449 Aug. 26 near Nago City when Llewellyn noticed an overturned vehicle on the side of the road. As they passed the vehicle, he noticed a teenaged girl lying on the sidewalk near the crash.

“I ordered my driver to stop, and immediately I exited the vehicle followed by Sgt. Schmidt,” said Llewellyn. “It appeared that she had been ejected

from the vehicle based on the position of her body.”

After checking to see if the victim was conscious, the Marines checked her heart rate and looked for major injuries.

“She was conscious, kind of delirious and was (visibly shaken),” said Schmidt. “She wanted to get up, but we kept her on the ground. I was worried about spinal or pelvic injuries.”

Her high heart rate, presumably a result of shock from the accident, was a cause for concern along with the initial assessment of her injuries, according to Llewellyn.

“We found that her primary injuries consisted of swelling the size of a baseball on the back of her head and pain on the left side of her pelvis,” said Llewellyn. “Based on the mechanism of injury, there was a high risk, in my opinion, for internal bleeding, which could have caused her condition to worsen rapidly.”

As Llewellyn addressed the victim’s injuries, Schmidt gained control of the crowd that had gathered and moved them away from the scene, so that emergency services would have a clear path to the injured girl.

“There was a (community member) there that

spoke English well enough to help me direct the crowd away from the victim,” said Schmidt. “It was important to give the victim space and to keep (her) calm.”

The emergency service personnel arrived on the scene shortly thereafter and transported the victim to a local hospital.

Llewellyn and Schmidt’s quick thinking and calm assured reactions to the accident helped keep the victim safe and prevented further injuries, according to Capt. Ryan M. Ackland, the officer in charge of the Ie Shima Training Facility.

“They definitely deserve (the awards),” said Ackland. “I was in the vehicle (at the time of the incident) and I wasn’t expecting them to react so quickly. They jumped out and ran to help. Their actions were noteworthy.”

The victim’s injuries were minor, although further information on the status of the victim could not be disclosed, according to Ackland.

“I would like to know if she is ok,” said Llewellyn. “My hope is that what we did that day made a difference, and that she is doing well and back home with her family.”



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Takeda addressed the audience at the beginning of the ceremony, discussing the new boundary line between Camp Foster and Ginowan, and the schedule for the full return of the housing area, which has a proposed completion date of March 2015, according to Hirofumi Takeda, the director general of the Okinawa Defense Bureau and announcer for the ceremony.

The Ginowan City Mayor, Atsushi Sakima; the U.S. Consul General, Naha, Alfred R. Magleby; and Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson, the commanding general of MCIPAC, joined Ryota Takeda following the introductory remarks to install the boundary stakes.

“(The installation of the stakes) represents the collaboration between local government, land owners, the U.S. government and the government of Japan to install stakes at the boundary line between the land to be returned and the land to remain as U.S. facilities,” said Hirofumi Takeda.

The ceremony concluded with

the removal of a utility pole, marking the beginning of the new fence construction.

“The Okinawa Defense Bureau will move forward with the necessary work for returning West Futenma Housing Area, Camp Foster, and make the utmost efforts so that the return will benefit (all in attendance),” said Hirofumi Takeda.

The housing area, opposite U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, includes approximately 1,046 plots of land belonging to 662 Okinawan landowners, according to Truax.

The land return is a result of the Special Action Committee on Okinawa, which refocuses the U.S. military presence and rebalances resources in support of U.S. allies in the Pacific, according to Col. Dwight C. Neeley, the Defense Policy Review Initiative director with MCIPAC.

“(The DPRI) seeks to reduce the impact of the Marine Corps’ population on the Okinawa community,” said Neeley. “The focus is to move approximately 9,000 Marines off Okinawa.”

The return of the housing area



**Japan Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister of Defense Ryota Takeda, right, and Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson attend a ceremony Nov. 22 at the West Futenma Housing Area on Camp Foster. The ceremony signified the progress made since April 6 and marked the new boundary between Camp Foster and Ginowan City. Hudson is the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific.** Photo by Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran

marks continuing progress in fulfilling the Special Action Committee on Okinawa agreement with Japan, according to Neeley.

“We look forward to the return of

the West Futenma Housing Area to the local city (of Ginowan) and to the government of Japan,” said Neeley. “It’s one of the first steps of major land returns on Okinawa.”

## Sports program expands opportunities



**Lance Cpl. Mariano Silva pitches to Atsushi Touma Nov. 30 during a scrimmage between the Camp Hansen Tigers and the Ginoza Village Baseball Team at the Ginoza Village Baseball Stadium, Okinawa. The Tigers are one of several teams that are part of a base-wide sports program developed on Camp Hansen. The program was designed to provide a fun opportunity for skilled players at each Marine Corps installation to compete against each other as well as local athletes across a wide range of sports, according to Maj. Andrew Merz, a field artillery officer and the officer in charge of Camp Hansen Camp Operations. Silva is a field wireman with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Touma is the mayor of Ginoza Village.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

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said Sgt. Chris Weins a crew member with the squadron. “On the aircraft commander’s call, we threw the raft out, and it deployed as it was supposed to about 300 feet away from the (survivors).”

The Marines’ quick response ensured the pilots did not remain in open water long.

“A local fisherman responded 20-30 minutes later,” said Kauffman. “They came up alongside the raft we kicked out and loaded the two helicopter pilots into the fishing boat.”

Representatives with the U.S. Agency for International Development were passengers in the KC-130J, returning from Tacloban to help with relief efforts.

“(Operation Damayan) has been a textbook example, it’s a model, of what we can do when we all work together,” said Jeremy Konyndyk, a USAID representative and passenger aboard the Super Hercules. “It’s always nice to learn from what’s gone right.”

Also aboard the aircraft were congressmen Trent Franks (Ariz.), Chris Smith (N.J.), and Al Green (Texas), who traveled to the Philippines to observe the relief and recovery efforts of the U.S. military.

“In an absolutely amazing example of military precision, (the crew) dropped a life raft to where the people could swim to it,” said Franks. “It seems like (Kauffman’s) call sign ‘Rescue’ was emphasized again. I believe that the military (members) of the U.S. are the most noble figures in human society.”

The cause of the helicopter crash is under investigation.

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in the regiment’s operational readiness and mission accomplishment.

“We were very interested to see what the differences were between us and the Marines,” said Sgt. 1st Class Takeshi Okumura, a maintainer with the JSDF. “The briefing they gave us before the tour gave a clear understanding (of Marine logistics command and control).”

During the tour, the JSDF members visited CLR-37’s Landing Support Company, Communication Company and Food Service Company.

“This type of event is very good for our militaries because it builds camaraderie and continues to improve our community relations with our host nation,” said Hebda.

Additionally, the event provided a venue for both nations to learn about the differences in each other’s military and the equipment on display during the tour, according to Hebda.

“One of the questions we get is how we protect the troops operating the vehicles,” said Hebda. “Here they can see for themselves how

thick the armor is that covers 7-tons or Humvees.”

Display vehicles included a 7-ton truck, Humvee variants, an MMV container forklift, extended boom and a multipurpose forklift.

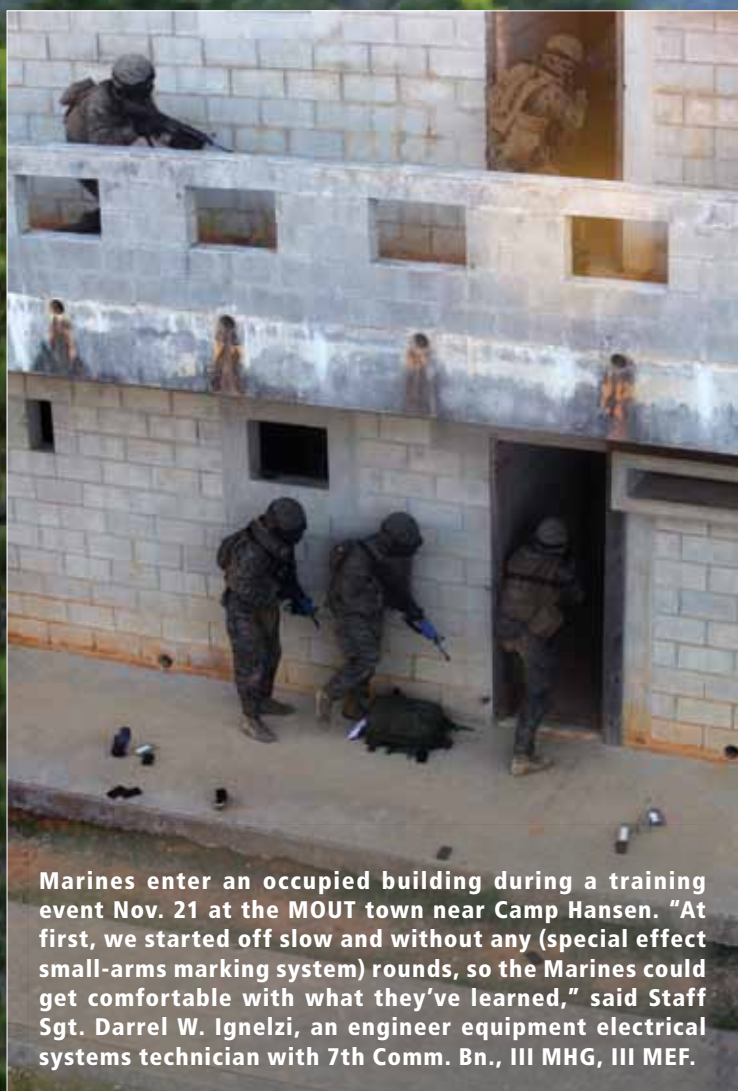
At the end of the tour, the Marines held a question and answer session and presented a plaque to their JSDF guests from Lt. Col. Craig A. Grant, the executive officer of CLR-37.

“Having them over to see our equipment and its capabilities takes out the mystery of what we do here,” said Grant. “They are our host nation, and having this event is positive to our relationship.”

With camaraderie and professional understanding enhanced through the event, both nations’ militaries were able to learn and grow together, according to 1st Lt. Cody D. Chenoweth, a communications officer with the regiment.

“If we can train together on Okinawa, it would be good for both militaries because it would assist in the Marine Corp’s mission as a forward-deployed force in readiness within this region,” said Chenoweth.





Marines enter an occupied building during a training event Nov. 21 at the MOUT town near Camp Hansen. "At first, we started off slow and without any (special effect small-arms marking system) rounds, so the Marines could get comfortable with what they've learned," said Staff Sgt. Darrel W. Ignelzi, an engineer equipment electrical systems technician with 7th Comm. Bn., III MHG, III MEF.



Marines ascend a stairway during a room and building clearing training event Nov. 21 at the military operations on urbanized terrain town near Camp Hansen to build unit cohesion and increase combat proficiency. The occupying force was made up of Marines role-playing as aggressors, recognizable by their blouses worn inside-out. The Marines are with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

## Urban terrain provides ideal location for com

Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

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Marines form up behind one another at the entrance to a building occupied by hostile aggressors. The Marine in the rear initiates the chain reaction to enter, and while keeping together as if glued at the hip, the Marines rush inside, methodically clearing rooms and engaging the enemy.

Marines with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, honed their basic rifleman skills Nov. 18-21 at the military operations on urbanized terrain town near Camp Hansen to build unit cohesion and enhance combat proficiency.

While at the MOUT town, the Marines learned basic infantry tactics, including patrolling, improvised explosive device recognition, proper response to aggressors, and room and building clearing techniques, according to Staff Sgt. Darrel W. Ignelzi, an engineer equipment electrical systems technician with the battalion.

"At first, we started off slow and without any (special effect small-arms marking system) rounds, so the Marines could get comfortable with what they've learned," said Ignelzi. "But when they start firing at each other, you'll see some of the Marines freeze up.

"With practice, they get past the fear of being shot at and learn to work together to clear rooms and assault buildings," added Ignelzi.

The training commenced Nov. 18, when the Marines cleared open-air rooms simulated by cones and completed classes about breaching and IED recognition techniques at Camp Hansen.

Soon after, the Marines conducted a 9-mile hike to the MOUT town Nov. 20 to rehearse patrols and immediate action drills without the aid of SESAMS rounds.

On the final day of training, the Marines separated into squads to execute assaults and position defense with SESAMS rounds, putting into action the room breaching and clearing techniques, IED recognition and immediate action drills learned during the course.

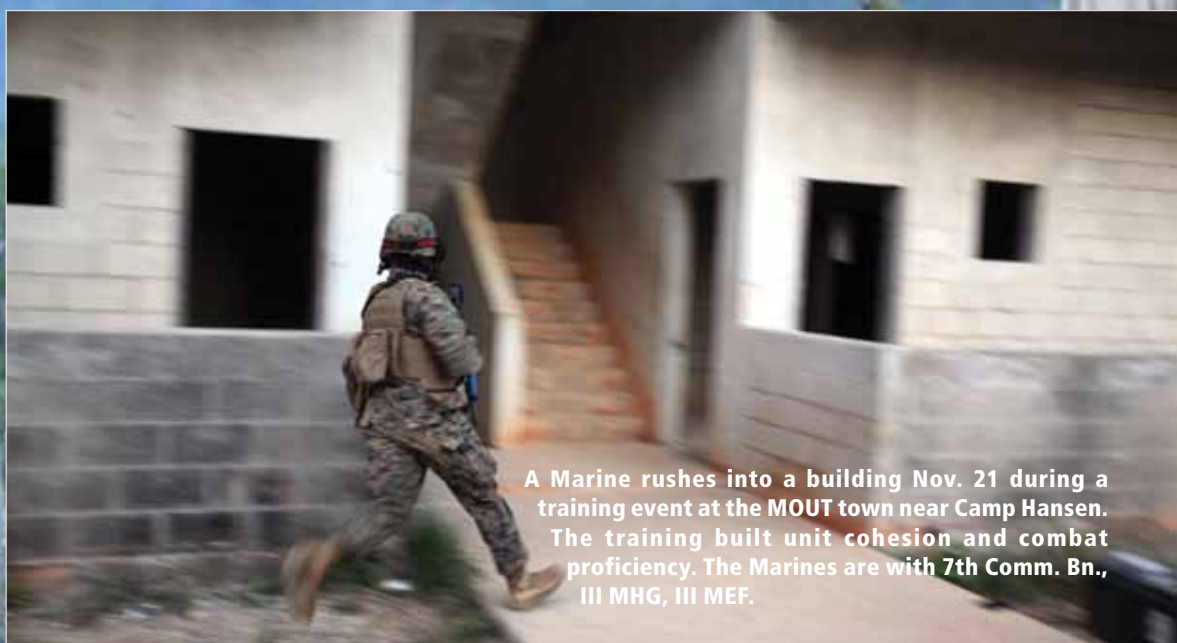
"We did a lot of (planning and coordinating), putting people where we thought they would be best," said Cpl. Matthias S. Lafritz, an engineer equipment electrical systems technician with the battalion. "At the end of the day, we improved over time. We (briefed each other) and figured out where we could go to make us successful.

"When we were breaching, we couldn't get past the first floor at first, but over time we progressed further by using the tactics we learned and made it higher into the building," added Lafritz.

After all the rounds had been fired, the Marines executed night patrols using AN/PVS-14 monocular night vision devices; scanning for simulated enemy units and IEDs. If the Marines failed to properly identify an IED, a nonlethal but startling bang would result.

"We kept (in) contact with the person in front of us since the visibility was pretty bad, so we had to work together against that," said Cpl. Jessica A. Taylor, a motor vehicle operator with the battalion. "When anyone





A Marine rushes into a building Nov. 21 during a training event at the MOUT town near Camp Hansen. The training built unit cohesion and combat proficiency. The Marines are with 7th Comm. Bn., III MHG, III MEF.



Marines move to an objective during a training event Nov. 21 at the military operations on urbanized terrain town near Camp Hansen. The Marines refreshed basic infantry tactics including patrolling, improvised explosive device recognition, room and building clearing techniques, and immediate action drills, according to Staff Sgt. Darrel W. Ignelzi, an engineer equipment electrical systems technician with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

## Combat readiness

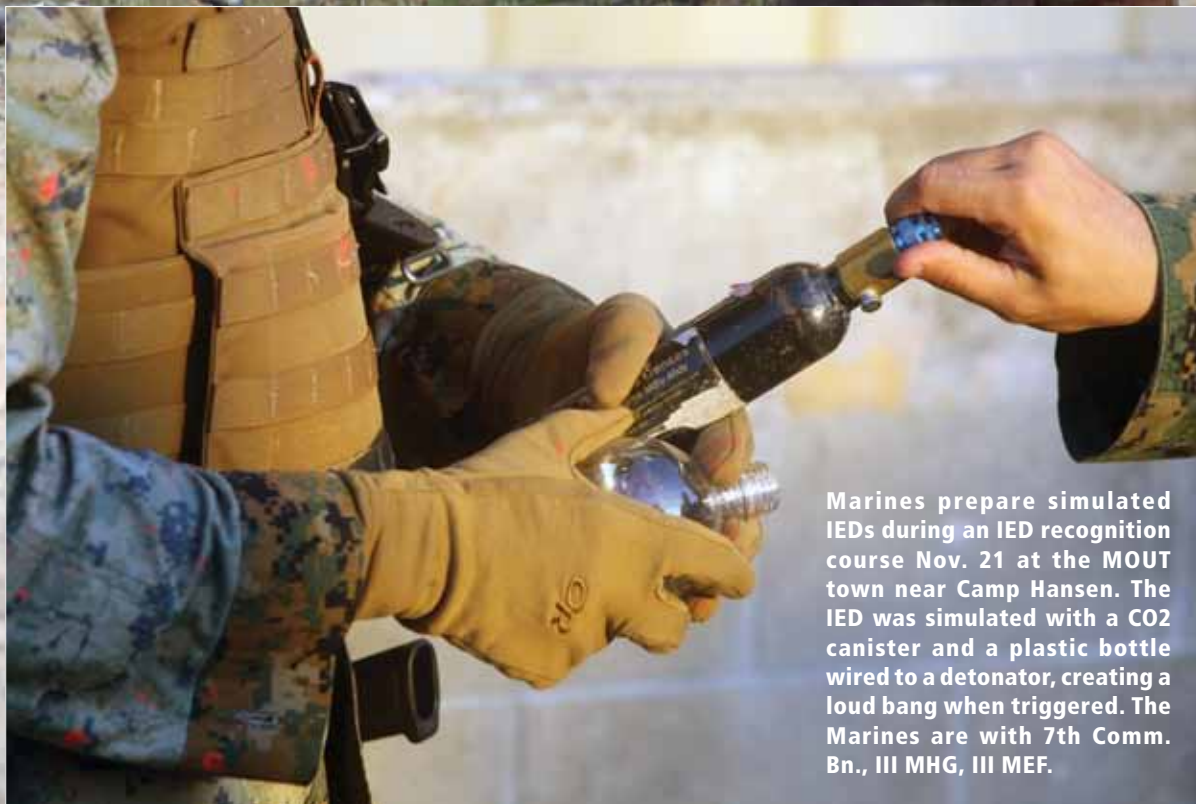
saw anything suspicious, they called it out. I loved this training, and personally I would like to stay out a week or two longer to get more comfortable with it.”

The numerous events brought the Marines together through the shared mental and physical fatigue associated with the training, according to Taylor.

“This was good for the unit, and it boosted morale,” said Taylor. “We know each other a lot better now.”

While most of the participants had not experienced this type of event since Marine combat training, that takes place immediately following basic training, they took advantage of the opportunity to sharpen their basic rifleman skills, according to Lance Cpl. Adam L. Bloom, a small-arms repairer/technician with the battalion.

“At first, I didn’t really know the members of my fire team; it took some time to adjust and work as a team,” said Bloom. “We became a tight-knit group through this exercise. It’s cool and essential because as Marines we need each other to get the job done.”



Marines prepare simulated IEDs during an IED recognition course Nov. 21 at the MOUT town near Camp Hansen. The IED was simulated with a CO2 canister and a plastic bottle wired to a detonator, creating a loud bang when triggered. The Marines are with 7th Comm. Bn., III MHG, III MEF.





Members of the International Carnival in Okinawa City lead a parade Nov. 30 in Koza Music Town. The carnival featured performances displaying aspects of many different cultures, according to Lance Cpl. Jonathan D. Scibiur, a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, III MEF.

## III MEF Band participates in international carnival

Story and photos by  
**Lance Cpl. Diamond N. Peden**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Lining the road, spectators watch in awe as the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band marches down the street showcasing their musical mastery.

Various community groups and the III MEF Band proudly displayed aspects of their unique cultures during the International Carnival in Okinawa City Nov. 30 at Koza Music Town.

The carnival featured a variety of performances representing various cultures, according to Lance Cpl. Jonathan D. Scibiur, a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, III MEF and spectator at the event.

"There were quite a few (cultures) represented here, (including) Hawaiian and Brazilian," said Scibiur. "The Takaesu Junior High School Band also

played remarkably well. The III MEF Band marched in the parade and had a short performance afterward."

During the concert, the band played the Japan National Anthem, the Star Spangled Banner and other musical selections.

"One of the things I thought was interesting was when the III MEF Band played a song from one of Okinawa's TV shows that (the crowd was) familiar with," said Scibiur. "It was a Japanese song, people clapped and when the announcer asked if anyone knew the song, (they) raised their hands."

One of several nationalities at the carnival, the III MEF Band represented the U.S. to the local community, according to Gabe A. Cometa, a medical clerk with Internal Medicine at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa on Camp Foster and spectator at the event.

"(The concert) showed that there are Americans who are interested in the culture," said



Children perform at the International Carnival in Okinawa City Nov. 30 in Koza Music Town after a parade. Participants of the parade included people from Okinawa and the international community.

Cometa. "Learning about the (traditions) and language is a really big part of being a good ambassador."

As an ambassador representing the Marine Corps and the U.S., the band presented itself as an entity of good will, according to Sgt. Ryan W. Wiley, a section leader with the III MEF Band.

"(The III MEF Band) is often (perceived as) the public face of the Marine Corps," said Wiley. "Especially at that concert, we didn't just represent III MEF Band to the people of Okinawa, we represented the Marine Corps and the U.S."

Overall, the concert and the parade provided something new to both the community and the service members, and it encouraged the different groups to step outside their personal boundaries, according to Wiley.

"It was just a great opportunity, a great performance, and I'm glad I could be a part of it," said Wiley.



The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band performs during the International Carnival in Okinawa City Nov. 30 in Koza Music Town. During the concert, the band played the Japan National Anthem, the Star Spangled Banner and other musical selections.



# HMH-772 flies toward aerial excellence

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Since its inception, the Marine Corps has adapted to and overcome the numerous challenges and obstacles that have stood before it. And with highly capable units such as Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772, the Marine Corps will conquer future obstacles as well.

Commonly known as the "Hustlers," HMH-772 is primarily stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in Burlington County, N.J., as part of Marine Aircraft Group 49, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing. The squadron is currently stationed in Okinawa as part of the unit deployment program with MAG-36, 1st MAW, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"HMH-772 was originally activated April 15, 1958 as Helicopter Transport Squadron 772 and was a part of the Marine Air Reserve Training Command," said Maj. Andrew M. Mollo, a CH-53E Super Stallion pilot with the squadron. "Four years after its conception it was designated as Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 772, and re-assigned to MAG-43 three years later. In 1972, it was designated again to its current unit name, now HMH-772."

Along with its many transformations, HMH-772 has a long and illustrious history, according to Mollo.

"This unit was the first reserve squadron to receive the special operations capable designator and is the first unit to airlift the Marine Corps' M777A2 (155 mm light-weight) howitzer in combat," said Mollo. "Also, in 1971 while still known as HMM-772, it was the last squadron to operate the UH-34D (helicopter)."



Marines and corpsmen embark a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter Nov. 7 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during a training event. The Marines and sailors trained on how to properly board and disembark a helicopter as well as securing a stretcher with a casualty in a helicopter. The Marines and corpsmen are with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The CH-53E and crew are with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772, currently assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, under the unit deployment program. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

The squadron replaced the Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter with the CH-53A Sea Stallion helicopter, an older model of their current aircraft the CH-53E Super Stallion.

HMH-772 has provided commanders with a reliable capability throughout the years during many operations and missions, according to Staff Sgt. Derek Torrellas, a helicopter crew chief with the squadron.

"(Our) mission is to provide the active component a combat-ready force to augment and reinforce regular forces in major regional contingencies, and to provide relief to these forces during times of high-tempo operations," said Torrellas. "The training must be such that this integration is seamless. Additionally, HMH-772 will reach out to the community in which it serves to tell the Marine Corps story, establish a civilian

support base, and when so tasked, to provide assistance to the community during emergencies or disaster relief (operations)."

HMH-772 has lived up to its mission statement by providing support in multiple real-world events such as Operation Desert Storm, Operation Fiery Vigil, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom, according to Torrellas.

HMH-772 continues to be a reliable asset and aid other units in their everyday training, according to Mollo.

"We've assisted different units in several different training events from fast-roping and helo-casting to teaching how to enter and exit a helicopter and load a stretcher properly," said Mollo. "We will continue to help support however we can to ensure mission readiness of us and other units."

## Hard work, experience ensures communications available

Sgt. Anthony Kirby

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Communication is something that has historically been, and will remain, one of the most important elements of military success. The simple ability to have a working telephone is not truly appreciated until it is not functional. Marines with G-6, communications, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, work continuously to make sure everyone has a way of communicating effectively.

Anytime a building is constructed or a communication system needs to be rerouted, it is the construction wiremen Marines who make the transition as seamless as possible for those personnel affected.

After approximately seven months of training, these Marines are fully capable of performing duties to include commercial cable and telephone installation and maintenance, as well as switchboard operations. Typical duties include integrating tactical telephone systems with host nation systems, operating unique items of equipment for pole-line construction, mounting commercial hardware and emplacing conduit systems or commercial cable.

Construction wiremen Marines put themselves in disadvantageous situations so that others are able to communicate. With safety precautions paramount, they climb towers, crawl through narrow spaces, and descend into manholes to accomplish their important missions.

"Since there are a lot of gas lines that run through manholes, there's always a chance that a gas leak can occur," said Cpl. Jordan Landry, a

construction wireman with G-6, telephone system branch, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB Camp Butler, MCIPAC. "If you go in a manhole without doing a gas leak detection, you won't know if a gas leak is present. So, we wear a harness that leads to a tripod with a winch on it that we have set up outside the manhole. If someone does (detect a gas leak), that winch can be cranked to bring the person up from the manhole."

The Marines work alongside experienced local civilian contractors, and when new Marines join the unit the contractors share their experience, according to Lance Cpl. Robert Erickson, a construction wireman with G-6, TSB. This ensures the Marines understand the communication challenges faced at MCIPAC and are fully prepared to complete the necessary work.

"I had to wait about two months before I was given a clipboard and could do the work by myself," said Erickson. "Your first few months are spent doing on-the-job training with the contractors teaching you, and you just have to act like a sponge. All of the contractors are extremely knowledgeable and know exactly what they're doing. They do all the work in the beginning with you shadowing them until you gain their trust that you can do it on your own."

The Marines learn a lot from the contractors and build a bond with them as well.

"They're just like us," said Landry. "They're fun to be around. We teach them Marine lingo and they teach us Japanese."

The hardships of the job are little known to most, according to Landry. "I love my job," said Landry. "You set everything up in a building before anyone moves in, and the work you do is going to benefit whoever moves in. It's rewarding to me knowing that I'm the reason people have working communication systems in their office before they get there."

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Cpl. Jordan Landry



# Safety measures against habu essential year-round

**Brian J. Davis**

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL OKINAWA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As autumn temperatures bring relief from Okinawa's summer heat, the cooler weather also raises safety concerns due to increased activity of potentially deadly habu snakes.

The Okinawa Prefectural Government warns that September through November are habu caution months, and along with military public health and safety officials, recommend some extra caution while enjoying outdoor activities this time of year.

"Habuses become dormant in winter, so during the fall months they venture out in search of a protected place to take refuge. Also, the cooler weather makes food less abundant than it is during the summer months so the snakes have to look harder for their meals," said Lt. Cmdr. Marion A. Gregg, a physician and director of public health for U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

"Mostly, habus inhabit jungles, sugarcane farms and other heavily vegetated areas, but they can be found anywhere," according to Jun Inoha, with the safety department of USNHO. "They're often found in or around tombs, wood piles, bushes, craggy rocks or in holes where insects and rodents abound, such as near trash heaps," he said.

Habu snakes have a very aggressive temperament, according to Inoha.

"Their strike is quick," said Inoha. "Many people who have been bitten have underestimated their strike zone. If you encounter a

habu, leave it alone."

The USNHO emergency department records show that three status of forces agreement members have been treated for habu bites to date in 2013.

"According to OPG data, during the past ten years there have been an average of approximately 91 bite cases a year in Okinawa, including the other islands in the prefecture," said Motoko Bennett, a public health specialist with USNHO.

Although the overall rate of recorded fatalities from habu bites is less than one percent, the venom is highly toxic.

"The habu venom is extremely dangerous and can potentially cause severe and permanent damage," said Gregg. "It destroys red blood cells, has a necrotizing effect on tissue, and the bite carries the possibility of infection. The key to effectively treating the bite and minimizing the venom's effect is to get medical help immediately."

If a person is bitten, the proper first aid treatment is to place a cool towel loosely over the bite to slow circulation and control swelling while getting the victim to medical assistance, according to Gregg. Tourniquets are not effective and should not be applied.

"Above all, do not attempt to cut the wound open and suck out the venom," said Inoha. "This does not help and will only worsen the injury. It could even cause further complications."

The USNHO is prepared to treat anyone who becomes a victim of a habu bite.

"We have the means to treat bites here at the hospital," said Gregg. "Habu anti-venom

is readily available at USNHO and is stocked at just about every Japanese emergency room on the island.

"There is an urban legend going around the military community in Okinawa saying that after receiving the anti-venom, the victim must be evacuated from the island, never to return. That's simply not true," added Gregg.

Another common misconception is the need to kill or capture the snake and bring it to the ER when receiving treatment for a bite.

"It's very dangerous and totally unnecessary to try to capture the snake," said Gregg. "Habuses don't always inject venom with the bite and the anti-venom is very powerful, so proper medical protocol involves symptomatic treatment."

**To avoid bites and reduce the chances of an encounter with a habu at home or around your work area, OPG recommends the following actions:**

- Keep grass cut low and vegetation trimmed back
- Eliminate habitat by not leaving bulk trash outside, sealing wall crevices, etc.
- Wear long pants, closed shoes and long sleeve shirts
- Maintain good pest control
- Avoid bushes and areas with thick vegetation

## Marine spouses share meal with English class

**Lance Cpl. David Hersey**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Laughter and cheerful conversation between people of different cultures fills the room as food is passed between friends during a potluck meal.

Marine spouses shared a lunch with the students of an English language class Nov. 21 at Sub Village Hall in Uruma City, near Camp Courtney.

The lunch provided an opportunity for the students to practice their English skills and interact with the guests in their country, according to Ichiro Umehara, the teacher of the class and a community relations specialist at Camp Courtney.

"We meet for our classes every Thursday," said Umehara. "I teach them to speak English, but it is good to have practice and this visit was a good opportunity for them."

Before they ate, the students performed a dance known as Kagiadeho, a dance performed at the beginning of ceremonies, according to Umehara. After the dance, the students and spouses set the table and sat down to enjoy the shared meal.

The dinner was an opening for the spouses to embrace one aspect of the culture of Okinawa, according to Grace Carmichael, a Marine spouse who attended the lunch.

"Sometimes it can be difficult to go out and experience a completely different culture," said Carmichael. "This was an opportunity for us to do that, and we had a fun time while learning about each other."

The lunch was provided by the students and included traditional dishes, such as dragon fruit jam with crackers, rice balls wrapped in seaweed and other Okinawa favorites.

A holiday meal provided by the spouses is in the works, according to U.S. Navy Lt. Steven G. Hervey, the chaplain with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



**Military spouses participate in a potluck meal Nov. 24 with local students of an English language class in Uruma City. The meal was an opportunity for the spouses to step out of their comfort zones and experience something new, according to Jennifer Bean, a Marine spouse and participant.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

"(Some) of the Okinawans have never seen an actual turkey before," said Hervey. "Sharing a meal together is a great chance to experience new cultures and get to know each other on a personal level. By sharing a few of our recipes and cooking styles with them, we are not only building relations but showing what our own cultures have to offer as well. We learn from them, and they learn from us."

At the end of the night the participants parted ways and returned home, their hunger sated and smiles on their faces. They were grateful for the opportunity to experience unique cultures along with making new friends, according to Carmichael.



# In Theaters Now

**DEC. 6 - 12**
**FOSTER**
**TODAY** Closed

**SATURDAY** Frozen (3-D) (PG), noon; Frozen (PG) 3 p.m.; Homefront (R), 4 p.m.; About Time (R), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Frozen (3-D) (PG), 1 p.m.; Homefront (R), 4 p.m.; Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Homefront (R), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Homefront (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

**KADENA**
**TODAY** Closed

**SATURDAY** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG13), 10 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Frozen (PG), noon & 3 p.m.; Homefront (R), 6 p.m.; The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG13), 9 p.m.

**MONDAY** Frozen (PG), 4:30 p.m.; Homefront (R), 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Frozen (PG), 4:30 p.m.; About Time (R), 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Closed

**THURSDAY** Frozen (PG), 4:30 p.m.; About Time (R), 7:30 p.m.

**COURTNEY**
**TODAY** Homefront (R), 6 & 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Frozen (PG), 3 p.m.; Homefront (R), 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Frozen (PG), 3 p.m.; Homefront (R), 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** Delivery Man (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Escape Plan (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

**FUTENMA**
**TODAY** Homefront (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 4 p.m.; Homefront (R), 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG13), 4 p.m.; Homefront (R), 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**KINSER**
**TODAY** Homefront (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Frozen (PG), 3 p.m.; Homefront (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Frozen (3-D) (PG), 1 p.m.; About Time (R), 3:30 p.m.; Homefront (R), 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY-TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Delivery Man (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SCHWAB**
**TODAY** Homefront (R), 6 & 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Homefront (R), 6 p.m.; About Time (R), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Homefront (R), 4 & 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**HANSEN**
**TODAY** Homefront (R), 6:30 & 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Homefront (R), 6:30 & 10 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG13), 2:30 p.m.; Homefront (R), 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** Thor: The Dark World (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Delivery Man (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Homefront (R), 7 p.m.

**THEATER DIRECTORY**
**CAMP FOSTER** 645-3465

**KADENA AIR BASE** 634-1869

**(USO NIGHT)** 632-8781

**MCAS FUTENMA** 636-3890

**(USO NIGHT)** 636-2113

**CAMP COURTNEY** 622-9616

**CAMP HANSEN** 623-4564

**(USO NIGHT)** 623-5011

**CAMP KINSER** 637-2177

**CAMP SCHWAB** 625-2333

**(USO NIGHT)** 625-3834

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## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

**NEO PARK TRIP**

• Take an adventure and see all that Neo Park has to offer with SMP Dec. 15. Transportation will be provided from the Foster Field House at 8 a.m., Futenma Semper Fit gym at 8:15 a.m. and Kinser gym at 9 a.m. Sign up with the SMP by Dec. 12.

**FUJI TRIP**

• There will be a trip to Mount Fuji Jan. 17-21, 2014. Sign up and payment deadline is December 20. For more information call the SMP at the number above.

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## TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

Which weapon augments fire power at the fire-team level and supplements the role of squad automatic weapons?

See answer in next week's issue

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Which weapon system allows both increased firepower at the individual level and the ability to mark targets from a distance?

**ANSWER:**

The M203 40 mm grenade launcher, which is assigned at the fire-team level and fires high-explosive, flare, riot control buckshot and gas rounds.



## Japanese phrase of the week:

“Oishii!”

(pronounced: Oh-ee-shee)

It means “It tastes good!” (said while eating)

## 2013 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS SCHEDULE

**CAMP SCHWAB CHAPEL**

Dec. 24  
• 5:30 p.m. Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
• 7:00 p.m. Catholic Christmas Eve Mass

**CAMP HANSEN (West Chapel)**

Dec. 13  
• 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert  
Dec. 24  
• 7:00 p.m. Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**CAMP HANSEN (East Chapel)**

Dec. 25  
• 10:00 a.m. Catholic Christmas Day Mass  
Jan. 1  
• 10:00 a.m. Catholic New Year's Eve Mass

**CAMP HANSEN (East Chapel Orthodox Annex)**

Dec. 25  
• 9:00 a.m. Orthodox Divine Liturgy of the Nativity  
Jan. 6  
• 7:00 a.m. Orthodox Great Feast of Theophany and Blessing of Waters

**CAMP COURTNEY CHAPEL**

Dec. 22  
• 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program (during Protestant Service)  
Dec. 24  
• 7:00 p.m. Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
• 11:00 p.m. Catholic Christmas Eve  
Dec. 31  
• 7:00 p.m. Catholic New Year's Eve Mass

**CAMP FOSTER CHAPEL**

Dec. 16  
• 6:00 p.m. Catholic Advent Penance Service  
Dec. 24  
• 5:00 p.m. Catholic Christmas Eve Mass  
• 12:00 Midnight Catholic Christmas Eve Mass  
• 6:30 p.m. Gospel/Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25  
• 10:00 a.m. Catholic Christmas Day Mass  
Dec. 31  
• 11:00 p.m. Gospel/Protestant New Year's Eve Watch Night Service followed by New Year Breakfast at Bldg 455  
• 5:00 p.m. Catholic New Year's Eve Mass  
Jan. 1  
• 11:00 a.m. Catholic New Year's Day Mass

**CAMP FOSTER ORTHODOX CHAPEL**

Every Saturday in Advent  
• 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Old Testament Readings  
Every Sunday in Advent  
• 9:15 a.m. Hours and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Every Monday in Advent  
• 6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis  
Dec. 24  
• 6:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Eve of Nativity  
Dec. 25  
• \*\* Nativity \*\* (See Camp Hansen Schedule)  
Dec. 27  
• 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Stephen  
Jan. 1  
• 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Naming of the Lord on the 8th Day  
Jan. 5  
• 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of the Eve of Theophany and Blessing of Waters  
Jan. 6  
• \*\* Theophany\*\* (See Camp Hansen Schedule)

**CAMP KINSER CHAPEL**

Dec. 14  
• 3:30 p.m. Christmas Party & Carols with Tai Chu En Orphanage  
Dec. 20  
• 6:30 p.m. Radiant Women Ministries Christmas Party  
Dec. 22  
• 9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Play (during Protestant Service)  
Dec. 24  
• 7:30 p.m. Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25  
• 12:00 Noon Catholic Christmas Day Mass  
Jan. 1  
• 12:00 Noon Catholic New Year's Day Mass

**MCAS FUTENMA CHAPEL**

Dec. 24  
• 5:00 p.m. Protestant Christmas Eve Service  
Dec. 25  
• 12:00 Noon Catholic Christmas Day Mass  
Jan. 1  
• 11:00 a.m. Catholic New Year's Day Mass

**CAMP LESTER CHAPEL**

Dec. 24  
• 6:00 p.m. All-Hands Christmas Eve Service

